

Redevelopment Agency of Woonsocket

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2013

Attending Members: Albert Beauparlant, Chairman Doug Brown, Paul Gould, Esq., Steven Thibault

Also Attending: Matthew Wojcik-Economic Development Director, \ Pierre Rondeau, Esquire, Jennifer Siciliano, City Planner and Linda Plays/City of Woonsocket

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Brown at 8:05 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013 as presented by Thibault and seconded by Beauparlant. All in favor

Update on the Comprehensive Plan: Wojcik spoke about preparing legislation and reviewing tax records of blighted properties such as Seville Dye. Working with DEM is important to address site tests prior to the agency taking possession. Wojcik said fine tuning the blight list with the agency is a top priority. He also said that he is drafting the legislation to designate the redevelopment areas under the formula that is required under state law. Siciliano said currently there isn't any language in the Comprehensive Plan regarding mentioning/identifying blighted areas. She spoke process and about using plat/lot numbers to refer to the properties. **MOTION** made by Gould to have members view designated blighted properties before recommendations to Planning Board and City Council and seconded by Beauparlant. All in favor

Legal Counsel: Discussion included having Attorney Rondeau review the draft legislation for the Comprehensive Plan with billable hours. Wojcik said that for every area that is identified there needs to be the submittal of Findings of Fact. **MOTION** made to approve Thibault to pay Attorney Pierre Rondeau and seconded by Gould. All in favor

Tour of Social Street School: Members will break down into a sub-committee and tour the former Social Street School. Plays would coordinate times/dates with members. Thibault talked about strategies, marketing properties and coming up with a plan of action. Wojcik said the conversation definitely should be on which areas the agency wants to designate as blight and we should actively pursue selling some of these properties.

New Business: Wojcik spoke about the upcoming Tax Sale on August 23rd. List available on the city's website. Wojcik also spoke about the bank account at Citizens. The account has an opening balance of \$ 13,666.22.

Adjournment: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Linda S. Plays
Recording Secretary